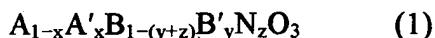


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:**

1. (Currently Amended) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from alkaline earth metals;

A' represents at least one element selected from rare earth elements;

B represents ~~at least one element selected from Ti, Zr, and Hf,~~

B' represents at least one element selected from transition elements (excluding rare earth elements, Ti, ~~Zr, Hf~~, Rh, and Pt) and Al;

N represents at least one element selected from Rh and Pt;

x represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 \leq x \leq 0.4$ ;

y represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 \leq y < 0.5$ ;

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < z \leq 0.5$ ; and

~~x~~  $[X]$  represents 0 when N represents Pt alone.

2. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 1, wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr, and Ba in the general formula (1).

3. (Currently Amended) The catalyst composition according to claim 2, wherein  $y [A]$  represents ~~0 Ca when N represents Pt~~ in the general formula (1).

4. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 1, wherein x represents 0 in the general formula (1).

5-7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (2):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr and Ba;

B represents ~~at least one element selected from Ti and Zr~~;

N represents at least one element selected from Rh and Pt; and

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < z \leq 0.5$ .

9. (Original) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (3):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr and Ba;

B represents Ti; and

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < z \leq 0.5$ .

10. (Currently Amended) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (4):

$AB_{1-z}Pt_zO_3$  (4)

wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca and Ba;

B represents at least one element selected from Ti and Zr; and

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < z \leq 0.5$ .

11-20. (Cancelled).